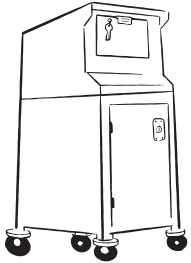


# PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK BOXES

Safe, secure, simple disposal of potentially addictive medications in every Tennessee County



Prescription drug take-back boxes provide a place where Tennesseans can safely dispose of unused medications. Permanent take-back boxes ensure people can dispose their medications in a safe, environmentally-friendly manner. Medication collection programs and seasonal events are part of a nationwide effort to reduce the amount of pharmaceutical products being flushed or poured down drains. Safe and secure disposal efforts also remove potentially addictive medications from homes and communities and prevent substance misuse.

AVAILABLE LOCATIONS

355

SERVING THE ENTIRE STATE

95

TENNESSEE  
COUNTIES  
SERVED BY  
TAKE-BACK  
BOXES

REDUCING ACCESS

51

PERCENTAGE  
OF RX MISUSE  
DUE TO EASY  
ACCESS FROM  
FAMILY & FRIENDS

## TAKE-BACK DAY EVENTS

Tennessee's Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions team up with law enforcement to host community events for safe and secure disposal of prescription medication.

Organized nationally by the Drug Enforcement Administration, these events are always the last Saturday in April and October.

During the April 2021 Take-Back Day, Tennesseans safely and securely disposed of more than 27,380 pounds of medication.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What can I bring?

Prescription medications in pill or liquid form for yourself, a family member, even a pet are acceptable. Medications do NOT have to be in the original packaging.

### What can I NOT bring?

Please do not bring sharps or needles, blood sugar monitoring supplies, thermometers, IV bags, or hazardous medical waste.

### What information do you collect?

None! Walk up, deposit your items, and walk away.

### Is there a cost?

This service is provided free of charge by a partnership among TDMHSAS, Dept. of Environment and Conservation, and the local agency that hosts the take-back box.

Find the closest prescription drug take-back box. Scan the code or visit the website below.



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